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## THE LABOUR FORCE - VICTORIA JANUARY 1981

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### MAIN FEATURES

The estimated number of unemployed persons in Victoria in January 1981 was 108,100 and the corresponding unemployment rate was 6.1 per cent. This is considerably lower than the estimate for December 1980, which was 119,600 persons unemployed with the unemployment rate at 6.5 per cent, but is slightly higher than the January 1980 estimate of 105,600 persons unemployed with the unemployment rate at 6.0 per cent.

There was an estimated decline of 6,800 persons unemployed in the part-time category between December 1980 and January 1981. This is the usual trend over the holiday period. The estimated number of males looking for full-time work outside the metropolitan area was 11,700 in December 1980 and 13,900 in January 1981; there was a similar movement in the corresponding period of the previous year.

NOTE. As explained in paragraph 5 below, an investigation is being undertaken of methods and procedures used in producing the estimates.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

This monthly publication, first published for August 1978, contains Victorian labour force estimates derived from the population survey conducted throughout Australia each month by the ABS.

#### Conduct of ABS population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 6,500 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about one half of one per cent of the Victorian population. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and the 12th of each month. Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year

holidays December surveys commence a week earlier than usual (with most interviews being conducted during the second week) and January surveys commence a week later than usual. The information obtained relates to the week prior to the interview (i.e., the survey week).

#### Scope of survey

3. All persons aged fifteen years and over are included in the survey except: members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

#### Definitions

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e., whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions recommended by the International Labour Organisation.

Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission, or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers, and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e., unpaid family helper); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks, up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages



or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Unemployed persons are those 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:

(i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e., lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or

- (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories "employed" or "unemployed".

Average (mean) duration of unemployment is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Median duration of unemployment is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other persons whose duration is below it.

#### Comparability of series

5. Occasionally the estimates of month-to-month changes in numbers employed are difficult to reconcile with what is known of developments in industry, commerce or government employment. For this reason an investigation is being undertaken of methods and procedures used in producing the estimates.

#### Reliability of estimates

6. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of survey estimates and month-to-month movements are shown at the foot of page 15.

#### Related publications

7. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications, available on request:

- 6201.0 Unemployment, Australia (Preliminary Estimates) (monthly)
- 6202.0 The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary) (monthly)
- 6203.0 The Labour Force, Australia (monthly)
- 6204.0 The Labour Force, Australia (annual)
- 6213.0 Civilian Employees, Australia (monthly)
- 6231.0 Job Vacancies, Australia (quarterly)
- 6232.0 Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey (irregular)
- 6236.0 Unemployment, Underemployment, and Related Statistics, Australia, February 1978 to February 1980 (irregular)
- 6330.0 Overtime, Australia (monthly)

8. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS Office.

9. Other unpublished data from labour force surveys on aspects of the Victorian labour force is held by the Victorian Office of the ABS, and may be available on request.

#### Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available

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\* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Figures have been rounded, and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Unemployed				Civilian			Unemploy- ment rate (a) (per cent)	Partici- pation rate (b) (per cent)
	Empl- oyed ( <sup>'000</sup> )	looking for work -		Labour force ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Not in labour force ( <sup>'000</sup> )	population 15 years and over ( <sup>'000</sup> )			
		Full- time ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Part- time ( <sup>'000</sup> )				Total ( <sup>'000</sup> )		
MALES									
1979 - December	1,080.1	46.8	5.8	52.6	1,132.6	276.9	1,409.6	4.6	80.4
1980 - January	1,064.7	51.3	*	55.2	1,119.9	291.5	1,411.4	4.9	79.3
February	1,065.0	46.9	5.7	52.7	1,117.6	295.8	1,413.4	4.7	79.1
March	1,057.4	46.8	5.0	51.8	1,109.2	305.8	1,414.9	4.7	78.4
April	1,057.7	41.4	4.7	46.1	1,103.8	312.9	1,416.7	4.2	77.9
May	1,065.4	45.7	6.5	52.3	1,117.7	300.2	1,417.9	4.7	78.8
June	1,054.7	47.3	5.5	52.8	1,107.5	311.7	1,419.2	4.8	78.0
July	1,062.4	47.0	6.0	53.0	1,115.4	305.2	1,420.6	4.8	78.5
August	1,061.8	49.5	*	53.6	1,115.4	306.6	1,422.0	4.8	78.4
September	1,068.7	50.6	*	53.8	1,122.5	301.3	1,423.8	4.8	78.8
October	1,065.5	46.1	*	49.8	1,115.2	311.3	1,426.6	4.5	78.2
November	1,068.7	42.2	*	44.5	1,113.2	313.5	1,426.7	4.0	78.0
December	1,087.7	53.3	5.4	58.8	1,146.4	281.4	1,427.8	5.1	80.3
1981 - January	1,068.8	51.0	*	54.0	1,122.7	307.1	1,429.8	4.8	78.5
MARRIED FEMALES									
1979 - December	388.0	11.3	7.8	19.1	407.1	517.5	924.6	4.7	44.0
1980 - January	373.9	9.8	5.6	15.3	389.2	541.1	930.2	3.9	41.8
February	391.9	12.7	10.1	22.8	414.7	508.6	923.3	5.5	44.9
March	398.8	11.2	11.8	22.9	421.7	499.0	920.7	5.4	45.8
April	389.1	12.9	11.5	24.4	413.5	509.9	923.3	5.9	44.8
May	388.4	10.3	9.5	19.8	408.2	515.4	923.6	4.9	44.2
June	394.6	12.4	10.4	22.7	417.3	505.2	922.5	5.5	45.2
July	398.9	11.8	8.3	20.1	418.9	498.8	917.8	4.8	45.6
August	405.5	12.9	7.8	20.7	426.1	504.5	930.7	4.8	45.8
September	397.5	14.1	10.3	24.4	421.8	504.6	926.4	5.7	45.5
October	394.1	14.5	11.5	26.0	420.1	516.1	936.1	6.2	44.9
November	398.3	13.0	8.8	21.8	420.1	512.3	932.4	5.2	45.1
December	393.9	13.6	8.3	22.0	415.9	515.8	931.7	5.3	44.6
1981 - January	375.2	8.8	6.6	15.4	390.6	546.8	937.4	3.9	41.7
OTHER FEMALES (c)									
1979 - December	229.5	26.2	6.0	32.2	261.7	271.7	533.5	12.3	49.1
1980 - January	222.0	30.1	5.0	35.1	257.1	272.7	529.8	13.7	48.5
February	229.3	29.4	*	33.6	262.9	275.8	538.7	12.8	48.8
March	229.2	23.8	6.7	30.5	259.7	283.5	543.2	11.7	47.8
April	227.6	28.0	6.0	34.0	261.6	280.9	542.5	13.0	48.2
May	234.9	24.8	7.3	32.1	266.9	276.6	543.5	12.0	49.1
June	235.5	26.6	5.9	32.5	268.0	278.3	546.3	12.1	49.1
July	236.3	25.0	5.7	30.7	267.1	285.1	552.2	11.5	48.4
August	233.2	25.0	5.0	30.1	263.3	277.6	540.9	11.4	48.7
September	238.3	23.3	7.6	30.8	269.1	278.0	547.2	11.5	49.2
October	234.4	23.0	5.6	28.6	263.0	277.0	539.9	10.9	48.7
November	233.7	24.1	5.0	29.2	262.9	281.2	544.1	11.1	48.3
December	246.0	31.5	7.3	38.9	284.8	261.4	546.2	13.6	52.1
1981 - January	232.0	34.0	4.7	38.7	270.7	271.6	542.3	14.3	49.9



(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced.



TABLE 2. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, JANUARY 1981

Marital status	Employed ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Unemployed ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Labour force ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Not in labour force ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Civilian population aged	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
					15 years and over ( <sup>1</sup> 000)		
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION							
Males -							
Married	511.9	14.5	526.5	115.5	642.0	2.8	82.0
Other (c)	254.2	24.9	279.0	99.4	378.4	8.9	73.7
Total	766.1	39.4	805.5	214.9	1,020.4	4.9	78.9
Females -							
Married	276.4	12.2	288.6	376.7	665.3	4.2	43.4
Other (c)	179.4	28.3	207.6	197.0	404.6	13.6	51.3
Total	455.7	40.5	496.2	573.7	1,069.9	8.2	46.4
Persons -							
Married	788.3	26.8	815.1	492.2	1,307.3	3.3	62.4
Other (c)	433.5	53.1	486.6	296.5	783.1	10.9	62.1
Total	1,221.8	79.9	1,301.7	788.6	2,090.3	6.1	62.3
REST OF VICTORIA							
Males							
Married	214.5	5.7	220.1	55.0	275.1	2.6	80.0
Other (c)	88.2	8.9	97.1	37.2	134.3	9.2	72.3
Total	302.7	14.6	317.2	92.2	409.4	4.6	77.5
Females -							
Married	98.8	*	102.0	170.1	272.1	*	37.5
Other (c)	52.6	10.4	63.1	74.6	137.6	16.6	45.8
Total	151.4	13.6	165.1	244.7	409.8	8.2	40.3
Persons -							
Married	313.3	8.8	322.1	225.1	547.2	2.7	58.9
Other (c)	140.8	19.3	160.2	111.8	272.0	12.1	58.9
Total	454.1	28.2	482.3	336.9	819.2	5.8	58.9
TOTAL VICTORIA							
Males -							
Married	726.4	20.2	746.6	170.5	917.1	2.7	81.4
Other (c)	342.4	33.8	376.1	136.6	512.8	9.0	73.4
Total	1,068.8	54.0	1,122.7	307.1	1,429.8	4.8	78.5
Females -							
Married	375.2	15.4	390.6	546.8	937.4	3.9	41.7
Other (c)	232.0	38.7	270.7	271.6	542.3	14.3	49.9
Total	607.2	54.1	661.3	818.4	1,479.7	8.2	44.7
Persons -							
Married	1,101.6	35.6	1,137.2	717.3	1,854.5	3.1	61.3
Other (c)	574.3	72.5	646.8	408.3	1,055.1	11.2	61.3
Total	1,675.9	108.1	1,784.0	1,125.5	2,909.5	6.1	61.3

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced.



TABLE 3. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY AGE, JANUARY 1981

Age group (years)	Number ('000)					Participation rate (per cent) (b)				
	Males	Married females	Other females		All Persons	Males	Married females	Other females		All Persons
			(a)	females				(a)	females	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
15 - 64 -	796.4	287.1	206.5	493.7	1,290.1	86.7	47.5	66.4	53.9	70.3
15 - 19	75.3	*	71.2	72.6	147.9	61.9	*	62.4	61.3	61.6
20 - 24	113.6	33.1	59.1	92.3	205.9	90.6	61.3	85.9	75.1	82.9
25 - 34	218.0	89.2	39.8	129.0	347.0	96.0	47.8	83.0	55.0	75.2
35 - 44	165.4	85.4	14.2	99.6	265.0	95.4	57.9	65.3	58.9	77.3
45 - 54	136.1	57.5	13.0	70.5	206.6	90.7	46.8	61.2	48.9	70.2
55 - 59	59.1	16.3	6.2	22.6	81.7	84.8	31.6	34.7	32.4	58.6
60 - 64	28.9	*	*	7.1	36.1	56.1	*	*	12.7	33.4
65 and over	9.1	*	*	*	11.6	8.9	*	*	*	4.5
Total	805.5	288.6	207.6	496.2	1,301.7	78.9	43.4	51.3	46.4	62.3
REST OF VICTORIA										
15 - 64 -	307.7	100.9	62.4	163.4	471.0	86.1	41.5	61.4	47.4	67.1
15 - 19	35.1	*	28.7	29.3	64.4	67.2	*	60.0	59.7	63.6
20 - 24	43.0	12.2	17.2	29.4	72.4	94.0	53.5	87.9	69.4	82.1
25 - 34	80.0	27.5	6.2	33.7	113.7	97.5	38.4	64.0	41.4	69.6
35 - 44	62.3	29.9	*	33.6	95.9	94.9	53.1	*	53.5	74.7
45 - 54	52.0	21.3	*	25.5	77.5	88.4	43.6	*	45.5	67.5
55 - 59	23.2	7.2	*	8.8	32.0	80.3	30.7	*	30.3	55.2
60 - 64	12.0	*	*	*	15.0	50.8	*	*	*	31.6
65 and over	9.5	*	*	*	11.2	18.3	*	*	*	9.6
Total	317.2	102.0	63.1	165.1	482.3	77.5	37.5	45.8	40.3	58.9
TOTAL VICTORIA										
15 - 64 -	1,104.1	388.1	269.0	657.0	1,761.1	86.5	45.8	65.2	52.1	69.4
15 - 19	110.4	*	99.9	101.9	212.3	63.5	*	61.7	60.9	62.2
20 - 24	156.6	45.4	76.3	121.7	278.3	91.5	59.0	86.3	73.6	82.7
25 - 34	298.0	116.7	46.0	162.7	460.7	96.4	45.2	79.8	51.5	73.7
35 - 44	227.8	115.3	17.9	133.2	361.0	95.2	56.6	63.3	57.4	76.6
45 - 54	188.1	78.8	17.2	96.0	284.1	90.0	45.9	60.4	48.0	69.4
55 - 59	82.3	23.5	7.9	31.4	113.7	83.5	31.3	33.2	31.8	57.6
60 - 64	40.9	6.4	*	10.1	51.0	54.4	11.4	*	12.6	32.9
65 and over	18.6	*	*	*	22.8	12.1	*	*	*	6.1
Total	1,122.7	390.6	270.7	661.3	1,784.0	78.5	41.7	49.9	44.7	61.3

(a) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.



TABLE 4. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE,  
AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1981

Birthplace particulars	Employed ('000)			Unemp- loyed ('000)	Labour force ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Unemploy- ment rate (b) (per cent)	Particip- ation rate (c) (per cent)
	Full-time	Part-time	Total				
MALES							
Born in Australia	700.5	36.7	737.2	35.5	772.7	4.6	78.5
Born outside Australia -	321.1	10.4	331.5	18.5	350.0	5.3	80.5
Place of birth -							
Greece	24.1	*	24.8	*	27.1	*	74.9
Italy	50.3	*	50.9	*	52.3	*	85.5
Yugoslavia	25.4	*	26.3	*	29.2	*	78.5
U.K. and Ireland	97.4	*	100.9	4.8	105.7	4.5	79.4
New Zealand	11.6	*	11.8	*	12.5	*	84.0
Other countries	112.4	4.5	116.9	6.5	123.3	5.3	81.0
Main English - speaking countries (d)	112.4	*	116.1	5.7	121.8	4.7	79.6
Other than main English - speaking countries	208.8	6.7	215.4	12.8	228.3	5.6	81.0
Period of arrival in Australia -							
Arrived before 1961	139.0	*	143.1	4.9	147.9	3.3	73.5
Arrived from 1961 to 1965	45.1	*	46.7	*	48.3	*	84.5
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	63.5	*	65.8	6.2	72.1	8.7	86.8
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	42.1	*	43.9	*	46.5	*	89.3
Arrived from 1976 to survey date	31.5	*	32.0	*	35.2	*	85.5
FEMALES							
Born in Australia	286.2	146.0	432.2	40.9	473.0	8.6	44.8
Born outside Australia -	134.6	40.3	175.0	13.2	188.2	7.0	46.6
Place of birth -							
Greece	13.3	*	17.1	*	18.7	*	51.8
Italy	17.0	*	19.5	*	20.4	*	37.4
Yugoslavia	13.9	*	15.6	*	17.3	*	57.8
U.K. and Ireland	36.3	15.5	51.8	*	54.5	*	46.5
New Zealand	5.3	*	8.4	*	9.3	*	61.9
Other countries	48.9	13.6	62.5	5.5	68.1	8.1	45.1
Main English - speaking countries (d)	43.4	19.6	63.1	*	66.8	*	48.3
Other than main English - speaking countries	91.2	20.7	111.9	9.5	121.4	7.8	45.8
Period of arrival in Australia -							
Arrived before 1961	45.5	18.2	63.7	*	66.9	*	37.0
Arrived from 1961 to 1965	21.7	6.5	28.2	*	29.8	*	51.4
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	31.0	6.7	37.7	*	42.0	*	57.5
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	21.8	5.4	27.2	*	28.3	*	59.0
Arrived from 1976 to survey date	14.6	*	18.1	*	21.2	*	48.4



TABLE 4. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE,  
AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1981- continued

Birthplace particulars	Employed ('000)			Unemp- loyed ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Labour force ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Unemploy- ment rate (b) (per cent)	Particip- ation rate (c) (per cent)
	Full-time	Part-time	Total				
PERSONS							
Born in Australia	986.7	182.7	1,169.4	76.3	1,245.7	6.1	61.1
Born outside Australia -	455.8	50.7	506.5	31.7	538.3	5.9	64.2
Place of birth -							
Greece	37.4	4.5	41.9	*	45.8	*	63.4
Italy	67.2	*	70.4	*	72.6	*	62.8
Yugoslavia	39.3	*	41.9	4.7	46.5	10.0	69.3
U.K. and Ireland	133.7	19.0	152.7	7.5	160.2	4.7	64.0
New Zealand	16.8	*	20.2	*	21.8	*	72.9
Other countries	161.3	18.1	179.4	12.0	191.4	6.3	63.1
Main English -							
speaking countries (d)	155.8	23.3	179.1	9.4	188.6	5.0	64.7
Other than main English -							
speaking countries	300.0	27.4	327.4	22.3	349.7	6.4	63.9
Africa	10.5	*	11.9	*	12.8	*	64.3
America	11.8	*	12.5	*	13.4	*	74.8
Asia	46.6	*	51.0	5.2	56.2	9.3	63.6
Europe	368.9	40.2	409.1	22.9	432.1	5.3	63.6
Oceania	17.7	*	21.8	*	23.6	*	71.9
Period of arrival in							
Australia -							
Arrived before 1961	184.5	22.3	206.8	8.1	214.9	3.8	56.3
Arrived from 1961 to 1965	66.8	8.2	75.0	*	78.1	*	67.8
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	94.5	9.0	103.6	10.5	114.1	9.2	73.0
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	63.9	7.2	71.1	*	74.8	*	74.6
Arrived from 1976 to							
survey date	46.1	*	50.0	6.3	56.3	11.2	66.4

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. Because it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace of persons in institutions (who are classified as not in the labour force), labour force participation rates for persons classified by birthplace are calculated by using population estimates which exclude those in institutions. (d) Comprises United Kingdom and Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa, and New Zealand.



TABLE 5. VICTORIA - EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, JANUARY 1981  
('000)

Marital status	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
Males -									
Married	*	20.6	150.1	140.1	118.6	51.0	23.4	8.0	511.9
Other (a)	64.1	82.9	60.0	21.9	13.2	7.1	*	*	254.2
Total	64.3	103.5	210.1	162.0	131.8	58.0	27.3	9.1	766.1
Females -									
Married	*	30.3	85.3	83.3	54.8	15.8	*	*	276.4
Other (a)	55.2	53.8	35.9	13.0	11.7	6.0	*	*	179.4
Total	56.3	84.1	121.2	96.3	66.5	21.9	7.1	*	455.7
Persons -									
Married	*	50.9	235.4	223.4	173.4	66.8	27.6	9.5	788.3
Other (a)	119.3	136.8	95.9	34.9	24.9	13.1	6.9	*	433.5
Total	120.6	187.7	331.2	258.3	198.3	79.9	34.4	11.4	1,221.8
REST OF VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	10.0	60.3	57.4	47.1	20.8	10.4	8.3	214.5
Other (a)	29.2	29.7	17.3	*	*	*	*	*	88.2
Total	29.4	39.7	77.5	60.9	51.1	23.2	11.2	9.5	302.7
Females -									
Married	*	11.4	26.6	29.3	20.5	7.2	*	*	98.8
Other (a)	21.7	15.4	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	52.6
Total	22.2	26.9	31.5	32.9	24.7	8.8	*	*	151.4
Persons -									
Married	*	21.4	86.9	86.7	67.6	28.0	12.6	9.3	313.3
Other (a)	50.9	45.2	22.2	7.1	8.2	*	*	*	140.8
Total	51.6	66.6	109.0	93.8	75.8	32.0	14.2	11.0	454.1
TOTAL VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	30.6	210.3	197.4	165.6	71.8	33.8	16.3	726.4
Other (a)	93.3	112.7	77.3	25.5	17.3	9.4	4.7	*	342.4
Total	93.8	143.2	287.6	222.9	182.9	81.2	38.5	18.6	1,068.8
Females -									
Married	*	41.7	111.9	112.6	75.4	23.0	6.4	*	375.2
Other (a)	76.8	69.3	40.8	16.5	15.9	7.6	*	*	232.0
Total	78.5	111.0	152.7	129.2	91.2	30.7	10.1	*	607.2
Persons -									
Married	*	72.3	322.3	310.1	241.0	94.8	40.2	18.8	1,101.6
Other (a)	170.1	181.9	118.0	42.0	33.1	17.1	8.5	*	574.3
Total	172.2	254.2	440.3	352.1	274.1	111.9	48.7	22.4	1,675.9

(a) Never married, widowed, and divorced.



TABLE 6. VICTORIA - EMPLOYED PERSONS (a): FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, BY AGE, JANUARY 1981 ('000)

Status	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MARRIED MALES									
Full-time workers	*	30.1	207.6	196.1	163.5	70.0	29.2	11.0	708.1
Part-time workers	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.6	5.3	18.2
Total	*	30.6	210.3	197.4	165.6	71.8	33.8	16.3	726.4
OTHER MALES (b)									
Full-time workers	76.1	108.0	73.9	24.8	16.4	8.8	5.5		313.5
Part-time workers	17.2	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	28.8
Total	93.3	112.7	77.3	25.5	17.3	9.4	4.7	*	342.4
ALL MALES									
Full-time workers	76.6	138.2	281.5	220.9	180.0	78.8	33.3	12.5	1,021.7
Part-time workers	17.2	5.1	6.1	5.0		*	5.2	6.1	47.1
Total	93.8	143.2	287.6	222.9	182.9	81.2	38.5	18.6	1,068.8
MARRIED FEMALES									
Full-time workers	*	34.9	69.0	69.0	43.9	14.7	*	*	236.4
Part-time workers	*	6.8	43.0	43.7	31.5	8.3	5.3		138.8
Total	*	41.7	111.9	112.6	75.4	23.0	6.4	*	375.2
OTHER FEMALES (b)									
Full-time workers	54.2	61.3	33.9	13.6	12.5	5.1	*	*	184.4
Part-time workers	22.7	7.9	6.9	6.3		*	*	*	47.6
Total	76.8	69.3	40.8	16.5	15.9	7.6	5.0		232.0
ALL FEMALES									
Full-time workers	55.7	96.2	102.9	82.6	56.4	19.8	5.8	*	420.8
Part-time workers	22.8	14.8	49.8	46.6	34.8	10.9	6.6		186.4
Total	78.5	111.0	152.7	129.2	91.2	30.7	10.1	*	607.2
MARRIED PERSONS									
Full-time workers	*	65.0	276.6	265.1	207.4	84.7	32.2	11.6	944.6
Part-time workers	*	7.3	45.7	45.0	33.6	10.1	8.0	7.2	157.0
Total	*	72.3	322.3	310.1	241.0	94.8	40.2	18.8	1,101.6
OTHER PERSONS (b)									
Full-time workers	130.3	169.4	107.8	38.4	29.0	13.9	6.9	*	497.9
Part-time workers	39.8	12.6	10.2	7.8		4.8		*	76.4
Total	170.1	181.9	118.0	42.0	33.1	17.1	8.5	*	574.3
ALL PERSONS									
Full-time workers	132.3	234.4	384.3	303.4	236.4	98.6	39.1	14.0	1,442.5
Part-time workers	40.0	19.8	55.9	48.6	37.7	13.3	9.5	8.4	233.4
Total	172.2	254.2	440.3	352.1	274.1	111.9	48.7	22.4	1,675.9

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Never married, widowed, and divorced.



TABLE 7. VICTORIA - EMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY HOURS WORKED (b), JANUARY 1981

Weekly hours worked	Number employed ('000)					Percentage distribution				
	Married		Other		All Persons	Married		Other		All Persons
	Males	females	females	females		Males	females	females	females	
	(c)					(c)				
0 (d)	345.7	144.4	61.9	206.3	552.0	32.3	38.5	26.7	34.0	32.9
1-15	40.0	48.5	21.7	70.1	110.2	3.7	12.9	9.4	11.5	6.6
16-29	48.8	43.7	16.7	60.4	109.3	4.6	11.7	7.2	10.0	6.5
30-34	41.0	16.8	11.7	28.5	69.5	3.8	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.2
35-39	94.1	35.8	33.4	69.2	163.2	8.8	9.5	14.4	11.4	9.7
40	242.5	56.5	61.8	118.3	360.8	22.7	15.1	26.6	19.5	21.5
41-44	42.6	5.8	10.1	15.9	58.5	4.0	1.5	4.4	2.6	3.5
45-48	65.4	9.5	6.6	16.0	81.4	6.1	2.5	2.8	2.6	4.9
49-59	74.4	6.1	5.0	11.1	85.5	7.0	1.6	2.2	1.8	5.1
60 and over	74.3	8.2	*	11.3	85.6	7.0	2.2	*	1.9	5.1
Total	1,068.8	375.2	232.0	607.2	1,675.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

## AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED (e)

Full-time workers	28.7	23.7	28.7	25.9	27.9	..	..	..	..	..
Part-time workers	12.4	10.5	11.0	10.6	11.0	..	..	..	..	..
All employed persons	28.0	18.8	25.0	21.2	25.5	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Actual hours worked during survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, and absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, accidents, and industrial disputes; and work stoppages caused by bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (d) Persons who had a job from which they were absent for the whole of the survey week. Excludes persons laid off without pay for the whole of the survey week; these persons are classified as unemployed. (e) The relative standard errors of these estimates are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A on page 15), and then multiplying the figure so obtained by a factor of 0.5. For further information, see "Technical Note" in The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).



TABLE 8. VICTORIA - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY AGE AND WHETHER  
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JANUARY 1981

Age group (years)	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (b) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION						
15-19 -	11.0	16.3	27.3	14.6	22.4	18.4
15-17	6.5	9.6	16.1	19.6	27.5	23.7
18-19	4.5	6.6	11.1	10.6	17.7	14.0
Attending school	*	*	*	*	*	*
Not attending school -	10.1	13.2	23.4	15.4	22.7	18.8
Left before 1980	5.5	6.2	11.8	10.8	14.6	12.6
Left from 1980 to survey date	4.6	7.0	11.6	31.4	44.0	37.9
20 and over -	28.4	24.2	52.6	3.9	5.7	4.6
20-24	10.1	8.1	18.2	8.8	8.8	8.8
25-34	7.9	7.8	15.7	3.6	6.1	4.5
35-44	*	*	6.8	*	*	2.6
45-54	*	*	8.3	*	*	4.0
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*
Looking for - Full-time work	37.1	31.3	68.3	4.8	9.5	6.0
Part-time work	*	9.2	11.5	*	6.8	6.7
Total	39.4	40.5	79.9	4.9	8.2	6.1
REST OF VICTORIA						
15-19 -	5.6	7.2	12.8	16.1	24.4	19.9
15-17	*	4.9	7.7	*	32.9	23.8
18-19	*	*	5.1	*	*	15.9
20 and over -	8.9	6.4	15.4	3.2	4.7	3.7
20-24	*	*	5.9	*	*	8.1
25-34	*	*	4.7	*	*	4.1
35 and over	*	*	4.8	*	*	2.1
Looking for - Full-time work	13.9	11.5	25.5	4.6	11.2	6.3
Part-time work	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	14.6	13.6	28.2	4.6	8.2	5.8
TOTAL VICTORIA						
15-19 -	16.6	23.4	40.1	15.1	23.0	18.9
15-17	9.3	14.6	23.9	18.3	29.1	23.7
18-19	7.3	8.9	16.2	12.3	17.1	14.5
Looking for first job	8.8	15.1	24.0	..	..	..
Not looking for first job	7.8	8.3	16.1	..	..	..
Attending school	*	5.3	7.2	*	25.5	19.6
Not attending school -	14.7	18.1	32.9	15.6	22.4	18.7
Left before 1980	8.2	8.6	16.8	11.1	14.6	12.7
Left from 1980 to survey date	6.6	9.5	16.1	44.0	43.1	37.0
20 and over -	37.3	30.6	68.0	3.7	5.5	4.3
20-24	13.4	10.7	24.1	8.5	8.8	8.6
25-34	10.4	10.0	20.4	3.5	6.1	4.4
35-44	4.9	*	8.9	2.1	*	2.5
45-54	5.2	4.8	10.0	2.8	5.0	3.5
55 and over	*	*	4.6	*	*	2.5
Looking for - Full-time work	51.0	42.8	93.8	4.8	9.2	6.1
Part-time work	*	11.3	14.3	*	5.7	5.8
Total	54.0	54.1	108.1	4.8	8.2	6.1

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.



TABLE 9. VICTORIA - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (b), JANUARY 1981

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	Number ('000)			Percentage distribution		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Under 2	3.0	5.7	8.7	5.6	10.6	8.0
2 and under 4	5.7	5.2	11.0	10.6	9.6	10.2
4 and under 8	12.8	12.6	25.5	23.7	23.3	23.6
8 and under 13	8.2	8.2	16.4	15.2	15.2	15.2
13 and under 26	5.6	6.1	11.7	10.4	11.3	10.8
26 and under 52	9.9	7.9	17.8	18.4	14.6	16.5
52 and over	8.7	8.3	19.0	16.1	15.4	15.7
Total unemployed	54.0	54.1	108.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average(mean) duration (c)	26.8	26.4	26.6	..	..	..
Median duration (c)	11.3	16.8	16.7	..	..	..

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Period from the time the person began looking for work, or was laid off, to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks, resulting in a slight understatement of duration of unemployment. (c) The relative standard errors of these estimates are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A on page 15), and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors: average duration of unemployment: 1.5; median duration of unemployment: 2.0. For further information, see "Technical Note" in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

TABLE 10. VICTORIA - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY BIRTHPLACE, JANUARY 1981

Particulars	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (b) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BORN IN AUSTRALIA						
Looking for - Full-time work	32.9	33.4	66.3	4.5	10.4	6.3
Part-time work	*	7.5	10.0	*	4.9	5.2
Marital status - Married	10.1	10.1	20.3	2.1	4.1	2.8
Not married (c)	25.3	30.7	56.0	8.5	13.8	10.7
Total born in Australia	35.5	40.9	76.3	4.6	8.6	6.1
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
Looking for - Full-time work	18.1	9.4	27.5	3.3	7.0	5.7
Part-time work	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status - Married	10.1	5.2	15.3	3.7	3.7	3.7
Not married (c)	8.4	8.0	16.4	11.0	16.7	13.2
Period of arrival in Australia -						
Arrived before 1966	6.5	4.8	11.3	1.0	4.9	3.8
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	6.2	*	10.5	8.7	*	9.2
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	*	*	*	*	*	*
Arrived from 1976 to survey date	*	*	6.3	*	*	11.2
Place of birth -						
Main English-speaking countries (d)	5.7	*	9.4	4.7	*	5.0
Other than main English-speaking countries	12.8	9.5	22.3	5.6	7.8	6.4
Total born outside Australia	18.5	13.2	31.7	5.3	7.0	5.9

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (d) Comprises United Kingdom and Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa, and New Zealand.







TABLE 11. VICTORIA - PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,  
JANUARY 1981 - continued

Characteristics	Males				Females				Persons	
	Married	Other	Total	Proportion	Married	Other	Total	Proportion	Total	Proportion
				of male				of female		of
				popu lation				population		population
( '000)	( '000)	( '000)	(c) (per cent)	( '000)	( '000)	( '000)	(c) (per cent)	( '000)	(c) (per cent)	
TOTAL VICTORIA										
Age (years) -										
15-64-	68.7	103.3	172.0	13.5	459.2	143.7	602.9	47.9	774.9	30.6
15-19	*	63.2	63.5	36.5	*	62.0	65.6	39.1	129.1	37.8
20-24	*	13.2	14.6	8.5	31.6	12.1	43.7	26.4	58.3	17.3
25-34	5.9	5.2	11.1	3.6	141.6	11.6	153.2	48.5	164.4	26.3
35-44	7.6	*	11.4	4.8	88.5	10.4	98.8	42.6	110.3	23.4
45-54	14.6	6.2	20.8	10.0	92.9	11.3	104.2	52.0	125.0	30.6
55-59	11.2	5.0	16.3	16.5	51.5	15.9	67.3	68.2	83.6	42.4
60-64	27.6	6.6	34.3	45.6	49.6	20.4	70.1	87.4	104.3	67.1
65-69	41.7	9.4	51.1	82.7	39.8	30.8	70.6	96.6	121.7	90.3
70 and over	60.1	24.0	84.0	91.4	47.8	97.1	144.9	98.8	228.9	95.9
Total	170.5	136.6	307.1	21.5	546.8	271.6	818.4	55.3	1,125.5	38.7
Permanently										
unable to work	n.a.	n.a.	6.2	..	n.a.	n.a.	6.2	..	12.4	..
In institutions	n.a.	n.a.	11.1	..	n.a.	n.a.	20.4	..	31.5	..
Aged 15-20 years										
attending school	n.a.	n.a.	46.3	..	n.a.	n.a.	46.7	..	92.9	..

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (c) Persons not in the labour force as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

TABLE A. VICTORIA - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES  
( '000)

Size of estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.7	3.5	4.4	5.0	5.8	7.0	8.4

TABLE B. VICTORIA - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTH-TO-MONTH MOVEMENTS  
( '000)

Size of larger estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.6